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MICHIGAN TASK FORCE ON PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS APRIL 22, 2008 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Task Force on Physician's Assistants met in regular session on April 22, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

William Fenn, PA-C, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Steven A. Acker, D.O.
Michael A. Davis, P.A.-C
William H. Fenn, P.A.-C, Chairperson
Bernard O'Brien, P.A.-C, Vice Chairperson
Rene L. Hernandez, P.A.-C
Sherry L. Lepird, Public Member
Karl G. Wagner, Jr., P.A.-C

Members Absent: David S. Weingarden, M.D.

Staff Present: Brooke Parmalee, Secretary
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division

INTRODUCTIONS

Fenn introduced and welcomed the three new board members: Rene L. Hernandez, P.A.-C, Karl G. Wagner, P.A.-C, and Sherry L. Lepird, Public Member and Chairperson of the Disciplinary Subcommittee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Acker, seconded by Davis to approve the January 29, 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by O'Brien, seconded by Davis to approve the agenda with the following correction:

Under New Business, add **Mahmoud M. Awad, Public Member** to B. Resolutions.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Nomination to Advisory Committee on Pain & Symptom Management – Ralph A. Geraci, P.A.-C**

Ramdell explained the purpose of the committee to the board members. She also gave them websites where they can get more information on the topic of pain management:

www.michigan.gov/painmanagement
www.michigan.gov/patientsafety

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Wagner to approve Ralph A. Geraci, P.A.-C as the nominee to the Advisory Committee on Pain & Symptom Management.

MOTION PREVAILED

B. **Resolutions – Lori Oswald, P.A.-C, James Levy, P.A.-C, and Mahmoud M. Awad, Public Member**

The board recognized each of the former members for their service.

MOTION by Davis, seconded by O'Brien to accept the resolutions of Lori Oswald, P.A.-C, James Levy, P.A.-C, and Mahmoud M. Awad, Public Member.

MOTION PREVAILED

C. **Administrative Rules**

Fenn explained the process to the new board members. PA rules have not been reviewed since 1996 and he feels that it would be a good idea to do so. Ramsdell stated that the department staff will help write the rules. Once an acceptable draft is complete, the rules would be given to the full Task Force to

review. She indicated that the rules process could take 12 to 18 months once a final draft is submitted.

A Rules Committee was created and will be composed of Davis, Hernandez and Wagner. Davis was appointed the chairperson of the Rules Committee.

D.   **Department Update**

Ramsdell stated that the Task Force still has a couple of vacancies, but until the composition of the Task Force is changed those will not be filled. The number of Physicians Assistants on the Task Force has to be more than the total of public and physicians. She also indicated that Diane Lewis' former position will be filled shortly. That person will be responsible for the 23 boards as well as drafting rules.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa, Upper Level Parking, Conference Room 1, Lansing, MI.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Acker, seconded by O'Brien, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED

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William H. Fenn, PA-C, Ph.D., Chairperson

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Date Minutes Approved

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Brooke Parmalee, Secretary

_4-22-2008_
Date Minutes Prepared